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1. THE FOLLOWING APPEARED ON THE PRESS

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TODAY AND MAY GENERATE PRESS INTEREST HERE, IN ISLAMABAD, AND WASHINGTON:

QUOTE: "GOVERNMENT ASSURED THE LOK SABHA TODAY THAT WORK ON THE TROPO SCATTER COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM LINKING UP RADAR BASES WITH THE AIR DEFENCE CONTROL CENTRES, WHICH WAS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE US EMBARGO IN 1971, WILL NOW BE EXPEDITED.

"THE ASSURANCE WAS GIVEN BY THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE PRODUCTION, MR V C SHUKLA, IN REPLY TO A QUESTION BY MR. FATEHSINHRAO GAEKWAD.

"MR SHUKLA SAID THE US EMBARGO HAD SINCE BEEN LIFTED AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT RESUMED". UNQUOTE

2. CONSISTENT WITH EARLIER DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN DRI AND MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, EMBASSY WILL REFER ANY QUERIES CONCERNING THIS NEWS ITEM TO MOD, WHICH NORMALLY DECLINES TO COMMENT.

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